

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1239–S1274*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 485–510, and S. Res. 69–73. **Pages S1269–70**

#### Measures Passed:

***Military and Veterans Caregiver Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 71, designating the week of March 4 through March 8, 2013, as “Military and Veterans Caregiver Week”. **Page S1274**

***American Chiropractic Association 50th Anniversary:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 72, to observe the contributions of the American Chiropractic Association and to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization. **Page S1274**

***World Plumbing Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, designating March 11, 2013, as “World Plumbing Day”. **Page S1274**

#### Appointments:

***Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 112–275, appointed the following individuals to be members of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Amy Ayoub of Nevada, Marilyn Zimmerman of Montana. **Page S1274**

***Taranto and Gordon Nominations—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 11, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Andrew Patrick Gordon, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or de-

bate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1274**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 32), John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages S1241–49, S1249–56**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 31), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1256, S1274**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2017.

Timothy Hyungrock Haahs, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

John Unsworth, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S1274**

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S1264**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—32)	Page S1256

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1274.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Africa Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Carter F. Ham, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### BANK SECRECY ACT COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine patterns of abuse, focusing on assessing "Bank Secrecy Act" compliance and enforcement, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### CYBERSECURITY PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to examine the cybersecurity partnership be-

tween the private sector and our government, focusing on protecting our national and economic security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and David E. Kepler, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy toward North Korea, after receiving testimony from Glyn T. Davies, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, and Robert G. Joseph, former Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, both of the Department of State; Stephen W. Bosworth, Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts; and Joseph R. DeTrani, Intelligence and National Security Alliance, Arlington, Virginia.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and the nomination of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.